

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

List of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A golf club shaft composed of a laminate of prepregs obtained by impregnating reinforcing fibers with a resin,

wherein ~~prepregs~~ the prepregs, each including a high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber having a high tensile modulus of elasticity ~~not of not~~ not of not less than 300 GPa and a high tensile strength ~~not of not~~ not of not less than 5000 MPa are disposed as a part of a straight layer in which said reinforcing fibers are parallel with ~~an~~ the axial direction of said the golf club shaft; and

~~a weight (g) of said~~ the weight (g) of the golf club shaft per unit length (mm) is less than 0.0385g/mm.

2. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 1, wherein said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is a carbon fiber; and a ~~ratio of a~~ the ratio of the weight of said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber to ~~a weight of~~ the weight of entire reinforcing fibers of said straight layer is not less than 50%.

3. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 1, wherein a T-point flexure strength is not less than 1600N ~~in a test method to be carried out in accordance with a three point flexure test of "Authorization standard of golf club shaft and standard confirmation method" (Admission 5 of~~

~~the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, No.2087) provided by the Product Safety Association.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 1, wherein a thick part thereof is formed in a range from ~~a tip of said~~ the tip of the golf club shaft to a position located in a range spaced at an interval of 70mm to 150mm from said ~~tip; a tip;~~ the thickness of said thick part is set ~~to~~ to be not less than 1.4mm ~~not or~~ or more than 2.8mm; ~~and a~~ and the thickness change rate of said thick part is set ~~to~~ to be less than 5/1000.

5. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 4, wherein a thickness transition part having a length ~~not of not~~ not less than 50mm ~~not or~~ or more than 150mm is formed ~~adjacently to a~~ adjacent to the butt of said thick part; and

~~supposing that~~ when a thickness change rate of said thick part is T1 and a thickness change rate of said thickness transition part is T2, ~~a relationship~~ the relationship of $3T1 \leq T2 \leq 2T1$ is established.

6. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of a prepreg having said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is disposed ~~over a~~ over the whole length of said golf club shaft; and

a prepreg of a straight layer having a reinforcing fiber whose tensile modulus of elasticity is lower than that of said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber and whose tensile strength is higher than that of said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is disposed as a reinforcing layer at a tip side of said golf club shaft.

7. (Currently Amended) The golf club shaft according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of a prepreg having said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is disposed ~~over a~~ over the whole length of said golf club shaft; and

a prepreg of an angular layer having a reinforcing fiber whose tensile modulus of elasticity is higher than that of said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is disposed at an inner side of said prepreg having said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber: and/or

a prepreg of a hoop layer having a reinforcing fiber whose tensile strength is higher than that of said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber is disposed at said inner side of said prepreg having said high-elasticity and high-strength reinforcing fiber.